

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

SUPPLEMENTAL FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB 1031 (Sub-No. 0X)

June 7, 2011

ABANDONMENT TYPE

The time for comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) has expired in this:

☒ (X) Notice of Exemption ☐ () Petition for Exemption ☐ () Regulated Abandonment

☐ () NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED

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OEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on December 11, 2009 for public review and comment. In the EA, OEA recommended two environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment. No comments were received during comment period, and OEA issued a Final Environmental Assessment (Final EA) on December 30, 2009 recommending that the conditions recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority. The Board imposed these conditions in a decision dated January 5, 2010.

On June 7, 2011, OEA received a late-filed comment from Eric M. Hocky, attorney for the applicant (ETRY). ETRY submitted a letter from the Tennessee SHPO stating that the proposed abandonment will not adversely affect any property that is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, ETRY requested that the Board remove the Section 106 condition. Accordingly, OEA recommends that the Section 106 historic preservation condition imposed in the January 5, 2010 decision be removed.

Conclusions

OEA recommends that the Section 106 historic preservation condition imposed in the January 5, 2010 decision be removed.

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